



MONTANA FISH, WILDLIFE & PARKS

Environmental Assessment

Black Sandy ADA Dock Ramp



8/3/20

Environmental Assessment CHECKLIST

PART I. PROPOSED ACTION DESCRIPTION

1. Type of proposed state action: Construct a short concrete sidewalk compliant with ADA criteria for access to floating ADA fishing dock

2. Agency authority for the proposed action: Montana Fish, Wildlife, & Parks

4. Anticipated Schedule:

Estimated Construction Commencement Date: Sept 15, 2020

Estimated Completion Date: Oct 31, 2020

Current Status of Project Design (100% complete):

5. Location affected by proposed action (county, range and township – included map):

Lewis and Clark County, Black Sandy State Park, T 11N, R 2 W, S 5. North of the existing boat ramp, between the ramp and the existing Boat Slips

6. Project size -- estimate the number of acres that would be directly affected that are currently:

	<u>Acres</u>		<u>Acres</u>
(a) Developed:		(d) Floodplain	<u>0</u>
Residential	<u>0</u>		
Industrial	<u>0</u>	(e) Productive:	
(existing shop area)		Irrigated cropland	<u>0</u>
(b) Open Space/	<u>.05</u>	Dry cropland	<u>0</u>
Woodlands/Recreation		Forestry	<u>0</u>
(c) Wetlands/Riparian	<u>0</u>	Rangeland	<u>0</u>
Areas		Other	<u>0</u>

8. Permits, Funding & Overlapping Jurisdiction.

(a) Permits: permits will be filed at least 2 weeks prior to project start.

<u>Agency Name FWP</u>	<u>Permits</u>
US Army Corps of Engineers	404
MT Dept. of Environmental Quality	318 (or exemption)
MT Fish Wildlife and Parks	SPA 124
Lewis and Clark County	Floodplain (or exemption)

(b) Funding:

<u>Agency Name FWP</u>	<u>Funding Amount</u>
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(c) Other Overlapping or Additional Jurisdictional Responsibilities:

<u>Agency Name</u>	<u>Type of Responsibility</u>
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9. **Narrative summary of the proposed action:** To provide universal access onto existing ADA fishing dock

10. **Description and analysis of reasonable alternatives:**

Alternative A: No action, access will continue to be difficult for users with disabilities

Alternative B: Proposed action will provide universal access in accordance with current ADA standards

11. Evaluation and listing of mitigation, stipulation, or other control measures enforceable by the agency or another government agency:

PART II. ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW CHECKLIST

Evaluation of the impacts of the Proposed Action including secondary and cumulative impacts on the Physical and Human Environment.

A. PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

Will the proposed action result in potential impacts to:	Unknown	Potentially Significant	Minor	None	Can Be Mitigated	Comments Provided
1. Geology and soil quality, stability and moisture			X*			
2. Air quality or objectionable odors				x		
3. Water quality, quantity and distribution (surface or groundwater)			X**			
4. Existing water right or reservation				x		
5. Vegetation cover, quantity and quality			X***			
6. Unique, endangered, or fragile vegetative species				x		
6. Terrestrial or aquatic life and/or habitats				x		
7. Unique, endangered, or fragile wildlife or fisheries species				x		
8. Introduction of new species into an area				x		
9. Changes to abundance or movement of species				x		

*- Very minor disturbance to soils along bank

** - Minimal disturbance of surface water from silt or soil from excavation into bank

*** - Minor disturbance to excavate for concrete. Disturbed area will be reseeded.

B. HUMAN ENVIRONMENT

Will the proposed action result in potential impacts to:	Unknown	Potentially Significant	Minor	None	Can Be Mitigated	Comments Provided
1. Noise and/or electrical effects				x		
2. Land use				x		
3. Risk and/or health hazards				x		
4. Community impact				x		
5. Public services/taxes/utilities				x		
6. Potential revenue and/or project maintenance costs			X*			
7. Aesthetics and recreation				x		
8. Cultural and historic resources				x		
9. Evaluation of significance				x		
10. Generate public controversy				x		

* Minor annual maintenance costs associated with dock and sidewalk

PART III. NARRATIVE EVALUATION AND COMMENT

This project will provide access to the ADA fishing pier for users with disabilities.

PART IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

1. Public involvement:

The public will be notified in the following manners to comment on this current EA, the proposed action and alternatives:

- Two public notices in each of these papers:
- One statewide press release (if applicable);
- Public notice on the Fish, Wildlife & Parks web page: <http://fwp.mt.gov>.

Copies of this environmental assessment will be distributed to the neighboring landowners and interested parties to ensure their knowledge of the proposed project.

This level of public notice and participation is appropriate for a project of this scope having limited impacts, many of which can be mitigated.

2. Duration of comment period:

The public comment period will extend for (30) thirty days following the publication of the second legal notice in area newspapers. Written comments will be accepted until **5:00 p.m., Sept. 5** date, 2020 and can be mailed to the address below:

FWP
4600 Giant Springs Rd.
Great Falls, MT 59405

PART V. EA PREPARATION

1. **Based on the significance criteria evaluated in this EA, is an EIS required? (YES/NO)?**
If an EIS is not required, explain why the EA is the appropriate level of analysis for this proposed action.

2. **Person(s) responsible for preparing the EA:** Craig Putschat, Park Manager

3. **List of agencies or offices consulted during preparation of the EA:** FWP Design and Construction Bureau. FWP Region 4 Park Manager